

## Message Text

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E.O. 11652: XGDS-1

TAGS: ESTC, COCOM, UK, RO, IT

SUBJECT: SOLIDDEV CASE

REF: STATE 186786

1. EMBOFF, MORNING OF AUGUST 9, TELEPHONED MONDELLO AIDE GIUSEPPE LOJACONO WITH MESSAGE (REFTEL) THAT USG WILL INDEED HANDLE REVISED CIRCUITRY PROPOSAL IN EXPEDITIOUS MANNER. EMBOFF THEN WENT ON TO PRESS FOR ITALIAN CLEARANCE ON SOLIDDEV CASE, EXPLAINING THAT EACH DAY'S DELAY REPRESENTS SERIOUS HARDSHIP TO AMERICAN FIRM IN QUESTION. LOJACONO'S ONLY WORD OF ENCOURAGEMENT WERE THAT THERE IS HOPE THE PROBLEM WILL BE SOLVED BEFORE AUGUST 20.

2. REGARDING PARA 3 REFTEL QUERY, WHILE GOI ACTIONS CONTINUE TO SUGGEST THAT THERE IS A CONNECTION BETWEEN THE TWO CASES, NO SUCH PRONOUNCEMENT BY OUR MFA CONTACTS HAS BEEN MADE. FURTHER, IT IS OUR JUDGEMENT THAT AT THIS TAGE OUR BEST POLICY IS TO TREAT THE TWO ISSUES AS SEPARATE. OUR REFERENCE TO A CONNECTION AT THIS TIME PROBABLY WOULD NOT BE CONSTRUCTIVE AND MOST LIKELY WOULD ONLY ELICIT A COMPLETE DENIAL OF ANY SUCH CONNECTION FROM THE ITALIANS.

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3. (FYI: BRITISH EMBASSY OFFICERS HERE IN CONTACT WITH EMBOFF AND HAVE AGREED TO ORCHESTRATE EFFORTS ON BEHALF SOLIDDEV CASE.)  
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